REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claimed

invention is allowed over the prior art of record because the prior art does not show the

claimed structure in combination with the recited photoelectric barrier-controlled driven

pair of transport and pressure rollers.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later

than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2.   The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to

applicant's disclosure. Cuo et al (US 6,318,914), Morgavi (US 5,558,449), Gieskes (US

7,032,304), and Sticht (US 4,492,297).

3.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to SANG Y. PAIK whose telephone number is (571) 272-

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